Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Muduvarachal bridge was closed for repairs for about 10 days., May I know whether this matter was reported to the Government ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It must have been, I think, reported. I cannot say for certain. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—'No empties were delivered on the closing and opening days'. Why no empty was delivered on those days?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—On the closing date the empties won't be delivered at the terminus.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Because the train has to go on that date. The train does go to the terminus along with the empties because there won't be train the next day. The last day the train comes from Parambikulam and then it would not go.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On the reopening day do two trains run?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes. Sometimes one and sometimes two in the first section only.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many engines are there altogether ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Eight.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In each section ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Two in the third section, three in the first.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why three engines are kept in the first section where there is a workshop ? When an engine is in disorder it can be repaired in the workshop.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—In the first section three engines are kept, one for specials.

Fuel—Tramway Department.

183. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. were any fuel measured and taken charge of by the Brake and Loco Inspector of the Tramway Department in sections 2 and 3 in Chingam 1107; if so, the dates and the places where the same was measured with the time of measurement and the name of the subordinate of the Forest Department who witnessed the measurement;

2. the halting place of Brake and Loco Inspector on the day previous to the date of measurement and on the date of measurement;

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3. the place, date, time of meeting the Tramway Engineer by the Brake and Loco Inspector and handing over the measurement book for check-measurement;

4. were these check-measured by the Tramway Engineer; if so, the date and time of such measurement and name of the Forest officer who witnessed;

5. the diaries of the Measuring officer, the Check-measurement officer and the Forest officer who witnessed the measurement for these days with the measurement book, will be kindly placed on the Council Table?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—1. Yes. 25-1-1107, in section 2 between miles 24¼ and 26 between 9 and 10 a. m. In section 3 at mile 44 between 2 and 3 p. m. Forester Mr. P. Raman Menon witnessed the check-measurement by the Engineer.

2. Chalakkudi, and on the date of measurement, Parayankadavu.

3. Mile 44; 25-1-1107 between 2 and 3 p. m.

4. Yes. 25-1-1107 between 2 and 3 p. m. in section 3 and in section 2 between 6 and 6-30 p. m. on the same day; Forester Mr. P. Raman Menon.

5 The measurement book is placed on the Council Table. The other records asked for are treated as confidential and is cannot be placed on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know how this Brake and Loco Inspector travelled 44 miles on that day? Is it by the train?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—By train and trolly in the first section and by train in the second.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When does the train start from Chalakkudi?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Fuel train starts very early. At 5-o' clock.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When can that train reach Parambikulam?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It does not go to Parambikulam.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When can a passenger starting by that train reach Parambikulam?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There is no through train beyond certain limits.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This Brake and Loco Inspector started from Chalakkudi early in the morning. When did he reach this 44th mile? Is it possible to reach that place by about 3 p. m. ?

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Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Quite possible, though there is no through running of trains.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How did he manage to get there?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—He travelled by trolly.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Wherefrom? He went all the distance by trolly?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—He travelled by the Fuel train up to the 11th mile, and then by Trolly and walked up the inclines.

Present constitution of the Society.

184. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that the present constitution of society contains the main tendency to make the rich richer and the poor poorer;

(b) what they have been doing to counteract the pestilence in (a);

(c) what they intend to do to ensure equal opportunities for all?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) Are the Government aware of the Prime Minister's finding on this subject in his book of Socialism?

President.—That question does not arise. You could have brought a resolution.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—You cannot answer b and c now?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Poramboke paths leading to Alikode market.

185. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are any poramboke paths leading to the Alikode market of Cranganur;

(b) the reasons for (a);

(c) the date on which the metalled roads and bridge over Perunthod, leading to the Alikode market that have been sanctioned by the Chief Engineer will start construction;

(d) whether they realise the urgent nature of (c) with special reference to the current depression and unemployment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The market is a private one opened by the late Mr. Namburi Madathil Seethi Muhammed of Alikode village and is

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